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SUBJECT: THE KING'S VISIT TO FRANCE AND GASTON THORN IN MADRID

1. SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT OF KING JUAN CARLOS I AND QUEEN SOFIA TO FRANCE FROM THE 27 TO 29 OF OCTOBER WAS MADE TODAY AT NOON IN BOTH MADRID AND PARIS. THAT THE KING AND QUEEN WOULD VISIT FRANCE HAS BEEN A MOST ILL-KEPT SECRET, BUT THE FACT THAT THE DATES HAVE NOW BEEN SET AND PUBLISHED PROVIDES ANOTHER STEP IN THE PROCESS OF GROWING EUROPEAN ACCEPTABILITY FOR  
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A CHANGING SPAIN. IT IS HARD TO AVOID A BIT OF

SPECULATION IN THE SENSE THAT THESE DATES WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT THE FRENCH AND SPANISH AGREED THAT JUAN CARLOS SHOULD VISIT FRANCE AFTER THE REFERENDUM WHICH, BY ALL ACCOUNTS, SOULD TAKE PLACE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE END OF SEPTEMBER AND MID-OCTOBER.

2. AT A LESS REGAL, BUT CERTAINLY IMPORTANT LEVEL, THE PRIME MINISTER OF LUXEMBOURG, GASTON THORN, HAS ARRIVED IN MADRID FOR A SEMI-OFFICIAL VISIT BEFORE HE GOES ON TO THE COSTA BRAVA TO TAKE THE WATERS. HE MET WITH PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ AND THEN LUNCHEDED WITH SUAREZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA AND THE PRESS IS HIGHLIGHTING HIS VISIT AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF GROWING CLOSER TO THE COMMON MARKET AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE. STABLER

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